

APPENDIX E.

EXECUTIVE VETOES FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AFTER ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

(It is through the kindness and courtesy of Mr. J. R. Curl, Secretary of State, that official copies of these documents have been obtained, and they are published in the appendix to the Journal for public information and to make a permanent record of the same.

MARSHALL BURNLEY,
Journal Clerk.)

SENATE BILL NO. 127.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
STATE OF TEXAS.

Austin, April 4, 1903.

To the Secretary of State:

I disprove and herewith transmit Senate bill No. 127, entitled "An Act to fix and regulate the salaries of the superintendents and assistant physicians of the insane asylums of the State of Texas, and regulate the appointments of the assistant physicians."

My objections to this bill are as follows:

It is not believed to be good policy to increase the salaries of officers during the period of their incumbency. Article 4853 of the Revised Statutes is as follows: "The salaries of officers shall not be increased nor diminished during the term of office of the officers entitled thereto."

The present superintendents of our insane asylums have already been selected, and they have accepted the positions they now hold with full knowledge of the extent of the salary which the law provides.

In addition to their regular salary, they are allowed respectively to receive provisions not to exceed in value \$500 per year and fuel, lights, water and housing for themselves and families.

Thus far the State has been able to secure competent and worthy men to fill the places affected by this bill, and it is confidently believed that it will be possible for it to do so in the future.

This bill makes no provision for an increase of the salaries to be paid to the superintendents and assistant physicians to be hereafter appointed at the Epileptic Colony, and in this respect it would be unequal in its operations, as the requirements of that institution will call for capable men and efficient work, and their salaries should not be less than those paid to others engaged in similar service at the insane asylums.

The condition of the treasury, in view of the charges already and hereafter to be made upon it, is not such as to warrant the additional expenditure that this bill and others of like nature would require. It seems to be an inopportune time to increase salaries of public officials. The compensation allowed under existing law to the beneficiaries of this bill is not disproportionate to that paid to others engaged in the public service.

S. W. T. LANHAM,
Governor.